

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1309 - SB 1263**

March 10, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes Hamilton County, beginning September 1, 2011, to post required legal notices on its official government website in lieu of publication in a newspaper. Requires Hamilton County to provide printed copies of notices to individuals who cannot access the website and to establish a complaint review process.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease Local Expenditures – \$121,900/FY11-12/Permissive  
\$146,200/FY12-13 and Subsequent Years/Permissive**

**Assumptions:**

- Hamilton County has an official website accessible to the public at least 90 percent of the time, 24 hours per day, each day of the year. According to Hamilton County, no additional costs will be incurred to create a legal notice and complaint link on its website.
- The Chattanooga Times-Free Press is a newspaper of general circulation in Hamilton County.
- The fiscal year in Hamilton County runs from July 1 to June 30.
- According to Hamilton County, approximately \$146,243 was spent in FY09-10 for required legal notices resulting in a \$12,187 monthly expenditure.
- The current rate for legal notices is \$2.10 per line (Monday through Friday), \$2.30 per line (Saturday), and \$2.44 per line (Sunday).
- The number of legal notices published each year will remain the same in FY11-12 and subsequent years. Hamilton County will post all legal notices on its official government website in lieu of a newspaper of general circulation resulting in a decrease to local expenditures of \$121,870 (\$12,187 x 10 months) in FY11-12; and \$146,243 (\$12,187 x 12 months) in FY12-13 and subsequent years.

- There will not be a significant number of requests for printed copies of legal notices. Any costs to produce a printed copy of the notice can be accommodated within existing resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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